AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A method for processing data in a portable terminal having an interface ~~for being connectable with~~ connected to an integrated circuit card, said integrated circuit card storing identification data and value data, said method comprising the ~~step~~ steps of:

receiving a request for user authentication data ~~and value data~~ transmitted from a host center;

~~storing said value data temporarily in a memory of said portable terminal;~~

~~reading out a user identification data from said memory of said integrated circuit card based on said request for user authentication data;~~

authenticating said portable terminal with said host center based on said user authentication data stored in said portable terminal;

sending said ~~user~~ identification data stored in said integrated circuit card to said host center when said portable terminal is authenticated;

receiving a permission for ~~writing data in said memory of~~ updating said value data in said integrated circuit card from said host center~~, when user verification is successful in said~~

~~host center;~~

~~writing~~ <u>updating</u> said value data ~~to~~ <u>stored in</u> said integrated circuit card based on said <u>received</u> permission ~~for writing data;~~

receiving <u>a</u> notification of completion of said ~~writing~~ <u>updating</u> of said value data ~~from~~ <u>stored in</u> said integrated circuit card <u>through said interface</u>; and

sending said notification of completion of said ~~writing~~ <u>updating of said value data</u> to said host center.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). The data processing method of claim 5, wherein said value data is ~~electronic money data~~ <u>an amount of monetary value</u>.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). The data processing method of claim 5, wherein when said notification of completion of ~~writing~~ <u>said updating</u> of said value data is not received an error processing is executed.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). The data processing method of claim 7, wherein said error processing includes producing a buzzer sound.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented). The data processing method of claim 5, wherein said portable terminal is a portable telephone.